(ग) एल०पी०जी० सिलिंडरों के निर्माण के लिये देश में उपलब्ध फालतू क्षमता को देखते हुये, इस उद्योग के हित में विभिन्न एल पी जी सिलेंडरों के निर्माण करने वाली एककों, जिनकी संख्या 80 से अधिक है को तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा आर्डर दिये जा रहे हैं ।

(ङ) जी, नहीं ।

Coal reserves at Chandrapur, Maharashtra

*115. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Coalfields Limited have surveyed the coal belt of Chandrapur district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what is the estimated reserve of coal and the cost thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that notices of vacation have been issued to the residents of Ghuggush, a more than 100 years old village without providing an alternative place for shelter of their families;

(d) whether the villagers of Ghuggush village have been suitably compensated; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd., Ranchi, has carried out detailed exploration of coal in Wardha Valley Coalfields of Chandrapur District. A toal of 3450 million tonnes of reserves have been estimated. Of these, 1488 million tonnes fall under the 'Proven category' valued at Rs. 29,760 crores at current psices.

(c to (e) Notices of evacuation were served on 162 families who were in unauthorised occupation of company's land. Members of these families are not employees of the Coal companies. Problem of rehabilitation of these families has been sorted out amicably by providing them with alternative developed land with roads, drainage, drinking water and street lighting facilities. Necessary assistance for construction of dwelling houses has also been extended by the Western Coalfields Limited.

Experimental farming project of Mathura Refinery

*116. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an experimental farming project has been started by the Mathura Refinery to study the effects of treated effluents of the refinery on crops grown in the area; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) An Experimental farming project has been started by the Mathura Refinery in collaboration with Aligarh Muslim University to sudy scientifically the long term effect of using treated effluents from the Refinery on the yield and quality of crops and soil characteristics. The cultivation was started in September/ October, 1987 and local crops like Wheat and Berseem etc. are grown in 40 plots of 50 sq. mtr. each under different combinations of irrigants and fertilizers. The parameters related to growth, yield and quality of the crops are being monitored by the scientists of AMU. The soil characteristics will also be checked periodically.

The study will be conducted initially for a period of three years.